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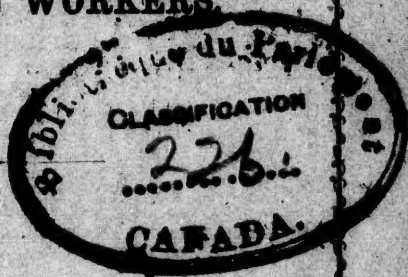
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Heart's-Case

("Pansies, that's for thoughts.")

A Gospel Text Book

FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS



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HIS NEARNESS TO US.

Close at my side, by day and night,
There walks a Friend,
Strong, tender, true;
I have His arm to lean upon,
I trust His sight,
He sees my way before, behind,
And leads me on,
Till death is lost in Life.

PREFACE.

The greater part of this little Text Book has been for some time in a manuscript form, and the writer having received both written and verbal testimony that it had been useful to some, in having it printed hopes that it will reach a greater number of people; and from the arrangement and classification of the texts on the various subjects, that it may prove helpful in opening up, and in making clearer and plainer, the truths of the Gospel, as they are contained in that wonderful and divine Treasury of things new and old, God's written Word. May it be blessed of Him to many enquiring ones, and may it help to show them the Friend of sinners in all His beauty, as the Saviour, the Redeemer; the Mediator, the Great Physician, the tender, sympathizing Friend, who longs to receive them; and the Chief among ten thousand to those that love Him. And may its name, with its sweet association, prove a happy omen of its usefulness. As it speaks of Him, may it enlighten, cheer, comfort, assure, and give ease of heart and soul to all those enquiring the way of Life, who read its pages.

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OUR STATE BY NATURE, OR THE SINNER'S CONDITION IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.

Shapen in iniquity Psa. 51. 5
 By nature the children of wrath Eph. 2, 3
 There is not a just man upon the earth Eccles. 7, 20
 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
 And the wages of sin is death Rom. 6, 23
 The soul that sinneth, it shall die Ezek. 18, 4
 The natural man cannot inherit the kingdom of God.
 Ye must be born again John 3, 7
 The heart is deceitful above all things, and des-
 perately wicked Jer. 17, 9
 And out of it are the issues of life Prov. 4 23
 The carnal mind is enmity against God Rom. 8, 7
 Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity Isaiah 59, 7
 Whose mouth is filled with bitterness ... Rom. 3, 14
 Who mocketh at his father { Prov. 30, 17
 And despiseth to obey his mother }
 Conceiving and uttering words of falsehood ... Isaiah 59, 13
 For out of the heart the mouth speaketh Matt. 12, 34
 Who soweth discord among brethren Prov. 6, 19
 There is no fear of God before their eyes Rom. 3, 18
 Shall he prosper, shall he escape, that doeth these things?
 As I live, saith the Lord God, surely he shall die. Ezek. 17, 16
 For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
 Whoso despiseth the Word shall be destroyed. Prov. 13, 13
 The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
 Except a man be borne of the Spirit he cannot see God. Jn. 3, 5
 All the wicked will He destroy Psa. 145, 20
 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment.
 To whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.
 Whosoever offendeth in one point is guilty of all. Jas. 2, 10
 He that believeth not is condemned already. John 3, 18
 How long wilt thou sleep? Escape for thy life. Make haste!
 Flee from the wrath to come Luke 3, 7
 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? . Heb. 2, 3

A QUESTION OF LIFE OR DEATH.

BY BISHOP J. C. RYLE.

Reader, allow me to ask you a very important question: are you alive spiritually, or are you dead? Some are dead in trespasses and sins. They are careless, ignorant, Godless, and Christless. This is soul-death. Some, I rejoice to say, are alive to God, in righteousness and true holiness. They believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and love Him. To which of these classes do you belong? Are you alive or dead? Suffer me, as an ambassador for Christ, to press this enquiry on your conscience now, this very hour, or it may be too late. There are only the two ways, the narrow and the broad. Two companies in the day of judgment: those on the right hand, and those on the left. In which company will you be? Are you among the living or the dead? Reader, I intreat you to begin at once the great work of self examination. Rest not until you know the length and breadth of your own state in God's sight. Bring everything to the measure of His word. A mistake about your soul, is a mistake for eternity. This very day, look this question fairly, fully, and honestly in the face. How does it affect you? Are you among the living, or among the dead?

GOD'S REMEDY FOR SIN, IN SENDING HIS SON TO DIE FOR SINNERS.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.	
He hath borne our griefs	Isaiah 53, 4
He hath made <i>Him</i> to be sin for us	2 Cor. 5, 21
He was wounded for our transgressions	Isaiah 53, 5
Who His own self bare our sins	1 Peter 2, 24
He was bruised for our iniquities	Isaiah 53, 5
Behold the Lamb of God	John 1, 36
With His stripes we are healed	Isaiah 53, 5
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.	
The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53, 6	
Christ died for our sins	1 Cor. 15, 3
It is the blood that maketh an atonement	Lev. 17, 11
I came to call sinners	Matt. 9, 13
Jesus, who delivered us from wrath	1 Thess. 1, 10
None other name, whereby we must be saved	Acts 4, 12
Reconciled to God by the death of His son	Rom. 5, 10
No more offering for sin.	Heb. 10, 18
By Him, all that believe are justified from all things.	
Who gave Himself a ransom for all	1 Tim. 2, 6
While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.	Rom. 5, 8
You hath He quickened, who were dead	Eph. 2, 1
The gift of God is eternal life	Rom. 6, 23
A fountain opened for sin	Zech. 13, 1
He that hath the Son hath Life	1 John 5, 12
As by the offence of One judgment came upon all;	
so by the righteousness of One the free gift came. Rom. 5, 18	
Made nigh by the blood of Christ	Eph. 2, 13
He is able to save to the uttermost	Heb. 7, 25
Where sin abounded, grace did more abound	Rom. 5, 20
He obtained eternal redemption for us	Heb. 9, 12
I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do	John 17, 4
Christ is the end of the law	Rom. 10, 4
It is finished	John 19, 30

THE OPEN DOOR.

BY THE REV. OCTAVIUS WINSLOW.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Door set open by God for the salvation of lost sinners. "I am the Door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." What precious words are these? They seem almost too great and too good, to be true! Our coming to God as sinners, totally bankrupt of all righteousness of our own, can only be through a Mediator, who should so meet and harmonize all the claims of God's moral government, as to make it honourable in Him to receive and save us. Come to God through Christ: He supplies all the merit you require, and all the welcome you need. "For through Him, we both have access by one Spirit, unto the Father." This door is ever open to poor lost, sinners, who wait not "to do anything," or bring any works of their own. None enter but those who feel themselves lost through sin. Was it ever known that any were refused admission? NEVER! Sinners have knocked at this door for eighteen hundred centuries, and NOT ONE ever knocked in vain. Free grace invites you to enter, and entering, bids you welcome. Over the portal of this door is written, in words of living light, "Who-soever will, let him come." It is too narrow for any to seek to enter bearing the load of their own works; but it is wide enough for countless millions, who come poor, and naked, and bankrupt. No price is asked, no condition imposed, only to come now, just as you are. "Behold, I have set before you an open Door." Go in. Before you finish reading this page choose Christ. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come."

GOD'S LOVING INVITATIONS TO SINNERS TO ACCEPT HIS SON.

How long halt ye between two opinions? . . . 1 Kings 18, 21
 Behold, now is the accepted time 2 Cor. 6, 2
 Choose ye this day whom ye will serve Josh. 24, 15
 See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh Heb. 12, 25
 I came to call sinners Luke 5, 32
 Repent ye therefore, and be converted Acts 3, 19
 Look unto me, and be ye saved Isaiah 45, 22
 Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you . . James 4, 8
 Behold! I now set before you, life and death. { Dent. 30, 19
 Therefore choose life
 The Master is come, and calleth for thee John 11, 28
 For it is time to seek the Lord Hosea 10, 13
 Come thou and all thy house into the ark Gen. 7, 1
 Come unto me, all ye that labour Matt. 11, 28
 Come ye to the waters Isaiah 55, 1
 Come unto me, and drink John 7, 37
 Come NOW, and let us reason together Isaiah 1, 18
 Come, for all things are now ready Luke 14, 17
 Come unto me, and your soul shall live Isaiah 55, 3
 Come thou, for there is peace to thee 1 Sam. 20, 21
 Come near before the Lord Ex. 16, 9
 All things are ready; come Matt. 22, 4
 Let us come boldly Heb. 4, 16
 Whosoever will, let him come Rev. 22, 17
 Then call thou, and I will answer Job 13, 22
 The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy . . James 5, 11
 Thy sins and iniquities will I remember no more . Heb. 8, 12
 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ Acts 16, 31
 Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace . Job 22, 21
 Behold the Lamb of God John 1, 36
 Thou wilt cast their sins into the depths of the sea . . Mi. 7, 19
 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners . 1 Tim. 1, 15
 Seek ye the Lord while He may be found Isaiah 55, 6
 If thou seek Him, He will be found of thee . . 1 Chron. 28, 9

TAKING CHRIST AT HIS WORD.

Salvation is received by taking Christ at His word. Before it can be otherwise, one of two things must occur: He must break His word, or you must fail to believe it. As to His breaking His word, the thing is impossible: "The Lord will not call back His word." "The word of the Lord abideth for ever." Our God is a faithful, covenant-keeping God. We have then only to ascertain what He has said to us concerning our salvation, and to *believe His word*, in order to enjoy forgiveness of our sins, and to rejoice in the hope of eternal life. Sinners have been taking Him at His word and coming to Him, for nearly nineteen hundred years, and NOT ONE has ever been refused. "Him that cometh unto me I will in *no wise* cast out." They have been taking Him at His word in every century since His death, and all who have done so, are now with Him in Heaven, or are His on earth. Do you the same, and do it at once. His word is as true and powerful now, as it ever was, and His offer of salvation as full, and as free. It is as much for YOU, as if no other has been born. All that is left for us to do, is to WANT IT, and TAKE IT. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me, with all your heart." Oh! come, and take Him at His word. He calls to you from His Cross: Come, come now. Come just as you are, and He will give you pardon for the past, and grace and strength for the future. "All things are ready; COME."

THE EFFICACY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST.

The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.
 When I see the blood, I will pass over you. Ex. 12, 13
 Without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9, 13
 And the blood shall be to you for a token. Ex. 12, 13
 Being now justified by His blood, Rom. 5, 9
 It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.
 Not the blood of goats, but by His own blood. Heb. 9, 12
 Behold the blood of the covenant Ex. 24, 8
 This is my blood of the new testament Matt. 26, 28
 And sprinkled the blood upon the altar Ex. 29, 20
 Through sanctification and sprinkling of the blood. 1 Pet 1, 2
 For my blood is drink indeed John 6, 55
 Made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. 2, 13
 For it the blood of bulls and goats sanctifieth. Heb. 9, 13
 How much more shall the blood of Christ? Heb. 9, 14
 For He is the mediator of the new testament. Heb. 9, 15
 Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1, 19
 Purchased with His own blood. Acts 20, 28
 Having made peace through the blood of His cross. Col. 1, 20
 Having boldness to enter into the holiest by the
 blood of Jesus Heb. 10, 19
 A propitiation through faith in His blood. Rom. 3, 25
 Sanctified with His own blood. Heb. 13, 12
 Redemption through His blood Eph. 1, 7
 Washed from our sins in His own blood. Rev. 1, 5
 This is my blood, shed for many, for the remission of sins.
 And through Him is forgiveness of sins. Acts 13, 38
 Their robes washed white in His blood. Rev. 7, 14
 Able to succour them that are tempted. Heb. 2, 18
 Able to do above all that we ask or think. Eph. 3, 20
 Able also to save to the uttermost. Heb. 7, 25
 Able to make all grace abound toward you 2 Cor. 9, 8
 Able to present you faultless Jude 1, 24

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

BY THE REV. DR. BONAR.

The Blood of the Cross of Christ, is that which has made peace and atonement for us, and to share this peace, God freely calls **WHOSOEVER WILL TAKE IT.** This blood of the Cross, is that by which we are justified, and to this justification by faith, *all* are invited, freely. This precious blood, is that by which we, who were afar off, are brought *nigh* to God; and to this blessed nearness **ALL** are called to come. This blood of Christ, is that by which we have redemption, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; and this forgiveness is fully, and freely, **OFFERED TO ALL.** It is only through this precious blood, that we have entrance to the Holiest; and God's voice to each sinner to-day is, "Enter in." It is by this blood of the Cross, that we are washed and cleansed from sin; and this fountain is **FREE TO ALL;** as free as any of earth's flowing streams, free as the mighty, boundless ocean, in which countless multitudes may wash and be clean. This is good news concerning the blood of Christ; news which should make every sinner feel that it is *just* what he needs; nothing less than this, yet nothing more. In Him there is salvation full and free, for the most thoroughly lost, that this earth contains. **GO AND RECEIVE IT.** Seek the Lord while He may be found, and you will see that He is found of you. Call upon Him while He is near, and you will find how near He is. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

THE KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION.

Hear the words of the Lord Josh. 3, 9
 He that believeth on the Son, *hath* everlasting life. Jno. 3, 36
 I know that my Redeemer liveth. Job 19, 25
 Your sins are forgiven you, for His name's sake. 1 Jno. 2, 12
 Ye are justified in His name. 1 Cor. 6, 11
 I have blotted out thy transgressions. Isaiah 44, 22
 We know that we have passed from death unto life. 1 Jno. 3, 14
 Her sins, which are many, are forgiven. Luke 7, 47
 Though they be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.
 God, who **HATH** saved us, and called us. 2 Tim. 1, 9
 He that believeth on the Son, hath the witness
 in himself: 1 John 5, 10
 No condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. Rom. 8, 1
 He that hath the Son, *hath* Life. 1 John 5, 12
 Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified. 1 Cor. 6, 11
 Partakers of the Heavenly calling. Heb. 3, 1
 Saved in Christ, before the world began. 2 Tim. 1, 9
 Chosen in Him before the foundation of it. Eph. 1, 4
 Called unto the fellowship of His Son. 1 Cor. 1, 9
 No more a servant, but a son. Gal. 4, 7
 And if children, then heirs. Rom. 8, 17
 The Spirit beareth witness, that we are the children of God.
 Hereby *know* we, that we are in Him. 1 John 2, 5
 Preserved in Jesus Christ, and called. Jude 1, 1
 For I know whom I have believed. 2 Tim. 1, 12
 The Spirit of His Son in your hearts. Gal. 4, 6
 He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. Eph. 1, 6
 That ye may **KNOW** that ye have eternal life. 1 John 5, 13
 I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you. John 14, 20
 And our old nature is crucified with Him. Rom. 6, 6
 That ye may have fellowship with us. 1 John 1, 3
 And this is the promise He hath promised us, Eternal Life.
 And He is faithful that promised. Heb. 10, 23
 And hereby we know, that He abideth in us. 1 John 3, 24
 And that we dwell in Him. 1 John 4, 13

THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION.

BY F. G. MACDONALD.

It seems strange that so many Christians, fail to realize the high and blessed vocation to which they are called; and that they are willing to do without the happiness and peace they might enjoy, by simply believing that God *means* what He says in His word, in regard to this great subject. Hundreds of people, who believe in and love Him, and whose sins are washed away in the blood of Christ, their Surety, and Substitute, have not the peace and joy of **KNOWING** that they are saved, simply because they refuse to take Christ at His word. Let all these, take a firm grasp of the plain, clear, and decided assurances from His word, that they **ARE** saved, that Christ has died in their stead, and that His precious blood has cleansed them, from the crimson stain of sin. Many declare "that it is great presumption to say we *know* we are saved; that no one can be certain of that, in this life." I would say in reply, that their's is the "presumption," in daring to deny, what God has made so plain. It is just in this life, that we so greatly need the confident assurance of forgiveness and acceptance, through His Son; and we have it. Hear how strongly God condemns, those who refuse to believe in the knowledge of this Salvation. "He that believeth not God, hath made Him a liar." St. Paul says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." St. John says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the Son of God, that ye may **KNOW** that ye have Eternal Life." St. Peter says, "The word of the Lord liveth, and abideth for ever."

THE COMING GLORY FOR THE BELIEVER.

I go to prepare a place for you..... John 14, 2
 And I will come again, and receive you unto myself. 3
 The coming of the Lord draweth nigh James 5, 8
 This same Jesus shall so come as ye have seen Him go. Ac. 1, 11
 We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 3, 20
 Behold, He cometh with ten thousand of His saints. Jude 14
 Looking for that blessed hope..... Titus 2, 13
 Waiting for the coming of our Lord..... 1 Cor. 1, 7
 The glorious appearing of our Saviour Titus 2, 13
 Looking for, and hasting the coming of that day. 2 Pet. 3, 12
 When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven.
 Behold He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him.
 When He shall appear, we shall be like Him.... 1 John 3, 2
 Whom He justified, them He also glorified..... Rom. 8, 30
 I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness Ps. 17, 15
 The dead in Christ shall rise first 1 Thes. 4, 16
 We shall not all sleep, but shall all be changed. 1 Cor. 15, 51
 That whether we wake or sleep, we should live
 together with Him. 1 Thes. 5, 10
 For our conversation (citizenship) is in Heaven. Phil. 3, 20
 That ye may be without offence till the day of Christ.
 And be found of Him, without spot, and blameless. 2 Pet. 3, 14
 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 1 Cor. 15, 26
 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee.
 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
 death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me. Ps. 23, 4
 He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee..... Deut. 31, 6
 To depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better.
 Death is swallowed up in victory 1 Cor. 15, 54
 I will ransom them from the power of the grave. Hos. 13, 14
 And deliver them who through fear of death, were
 subject to bondage. Heb. 2, 15
 Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory. 1 Cor. 15, 57
 Them which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him.
 Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thes. 4, 18

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

BY THE REV. J. D. SMITH.

All true Christians implicitly believe that Jesus Christ will come again, to judge the quick and dead, at His appearing and Kingdom; but all Christians do not readily distinguish the fact, that He has promised to come simply, and especially for them. This promise takes its root from John 14, 3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself." This verse, so quietly expressed, evidently does not refer to His glorious appearing, in pomp and power, to judge the world; but that He will come quietly for His own, who are in it; and having received them, He will take them to the beautiful Home, which He has gone to prepare. This testimony is confirmed in Acts 1, 11, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come, in like manner, as ye have seen Him go." From these words, "in like manner," we must conclude that His first coming, without sin, is not to be a universally public event, as Jesus went up to Heaven, from among His own disciples. That He could so come, and ten thousand angels with Him, in a way known to His saints, but not by the world, is evident from their songs at His birth, which only the shepherds heard. We must remember that His words, (John 14, 3) so full of comfort, and on which millions of believing souls have rested in joyful security, all through the ages, were addressed only to His disciples. The world never saw, and never will see, a risen Christ. Are you living in the thought of that home, which He has gone to prepare, and is your life in accordance with that hope?

THE HOME WHICH HE HAS GONE TO PREPARE.

In my Father's house are many mansions..... John 14, 2
 In Thy presence is fulness of joy Psa. 16, 11
 Of His kingdom there shall be no end Luke 1, 33
 At Thy right hand; there are pleasures forevermore. Ps. 16, 11
 When He shall appear, we shall be like Him.... 1 John 3, 2
 We shall also bear the image of the Heavenly.... 1 Cor. 15, 49
 Thine eyes shall see the King, in His beauty... Isaiah 33, 17
 Then face to face 1 Cor. 13, 12
 And we shall be satisfied..... Psa. 65, 4
 He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
 We shall walk with Him, in white..... Rev. 3, 4
 With open face, beholding the glory 2 Cor. 3, 18
 A new song in my mouth. Psa. 40, 3
 We shall also reign with Him..... 2 Tim. 2, 12
 And in that day, shall the deaf hear { Isaiah 29, 18
 And the eyes of the blind shall see }
 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more. Rev. 7
 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart.... { Isaiah 35, 6
 And the tongue of the dumb shall sing..... }
 And they worship Him that liveth forever and ever. Rev. 4
 The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon.
 There shall be no night there Rev. 21, 25
 The inhabitant shall not say, "I am sick"..... Isaiah 33, 24
 There shall be no more pain, and no more death. Rev. 21, 4
 The voice of weeping and of crying shall no more be heard.
 For God will wipe away tears, from all faces Isai. 25, 8
 The street of the city was of pure gold, as it were clear glass.
 And the redeemed shall walk there..... Isaiah 35, 9
 Whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21
 The foundations of the city were of precious stones.
 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls.... Rev. 21, 21
 Blessed are they that enter in, through the gates
 into the city..... Rev. 22, 14
 They shall go no more out..... Rev. 8, 12
 And so shall we ever be with the Lord..... 1 Thess. 4, 17

A GLIMPSE OF THE REDEEMED IN GLORY.

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FOUNDED ON REVELATION, CHAPTER SEVENTH.

There can be no question that this description unveils a state of glory. It is a glimpse of Heaven,—one of the fullest and most satisfactory, which the Bible gives. It will do us good to dwell on it; and will also give us more lifelike, and more homelike thoughts regarding our dear ones who have already gone there. All that need now be said, may be summed up, in answer to two questions: Who are there? And what are they doing there? "A mighty multitude, which no man can number." For many ages, one nation supplied most of the inhabitants. The greater number of those who passed through the gates of pearl, had spoken on earth the Hebrew tongue. But Jesus broke down the partition wall, and since His gospel went into all the world, every nation has contributed its citizens to the new Jerusalem. The Latin tongue has sent its Cornelius, and its Clement; the Greek tongue has sent its Apollos, and Stephen, its Lydia, and Phebe. The Philippian gaoler is there, and the fishermen of Galilee. David has not laid aside his harp, Peter's step may still spring elastic on the sapphire floor, while Paul still triumphs in some lofty theme. Blended, and overborne, by the prevailing likeness to the

elder Brother, each may yet retain his mental attributes, and moral features, just as the stars of glory may differ from one another. "They celebrate a victory." They have palms in their hands. They are what the second and third chapters describe, as those who have "overcome." They celebrate the victory which the Captain of their salvation has won for them. They are clothed in white robes, the only garb which a child of Adam can wear before the throne of God. It is the uniform of glory, the spotless righteousness of Immanuel. "They serve God." Adoration at the throne, the worship of the heart, and voice, and hands; the whole being devoted and consecrated to God. "They see God." Where the natural enmity is destroyed, and the soul is brought really to love God, and delight in Him, it can sympathize with the exclamation of Augustine, "Lord, Thou hast said, There shall be no man see me and live: then let me die, that I may see Thee." If any of your friends sleep in Jesus, is it not blissful to know how they are engaged? The Lord has opened a crevice in the enclosing wall, and bids you look, and see the difference between you and them. You often find it hard to prevail on yourself to pray; they never leave the throne of God. It is only by faith, that you can walk with Jesus; they see Him, and follow Him, night and day. You suffer from sickness and in other ways; they hunger no more, neither thirst any more. Your best frames and most blessed services are very brief; their praises never wither, their songs never cease, their congregation never breaks up, their Sabbath knows no end. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him: but God hath revealed them unto us, by His Spirit."—1 Cor. 2, 9-10.

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Precious, precious, blood of Jesus,
Let it make thee whole,
Let it flow in mighty cleansing
O'er thy soul.

Though thy sins are red like crimson,
Deep in scarlet glow,
Jesu's precious blood can make them
White as snow.

F. R. H.